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## **Department of Political Science Policy on Graduate Student Tuition Support**

### **Policy Statement:**

The Department of Political Science is committed to supporting the academic and professional growth of its graduate students. To encourage and reward successful grant acquisition, the department will fund one quarter of tuition and fees for every \$10,000 in grant funds secured by a graduate student within an academic year, subject to the following conditions:

### **Eligibility:**

1. **Grant Threshold:** Graduate students who secure external or internal grants totaling \$10,000 or more in an academic year will be eligible for one quarter of tuition and fees support.
  - a. For multiple grants that cumulatively reach or exceed \$10,000, the department will provide support for one quarter of tuition and fees.
  - b. This support is limited to a maximum of three quarters per academic year.

### **Stipulations:**

1. **Graduate Division Check:** Before the department provides tuition and fee support, the student must first inquire with the department's graduate student advising officer who will then check with the Graduate Division to determine if tuition and fees can be covered by the division.
  - a. If the Graduate Division does not offer tuition and fee support for the secured grant(s), the department will step in under the conditions of this policy.

## **2. Funding Availability:**

- a. The department's ability to fund tuition and fees under this policy is contingent upon the availability of funds.
- b. If departmental funds are insufficient to support this initiative, the department will communicate the situation to all affected graduate students and faculty in a timely manner.

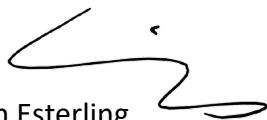
### **Limitations:**

- This policy is effective as long as departmental funds permit. Should the department's financial situation change, adjustments to the policy will be communicated.

### **Implementation:**

- Graduate students must provide documentation of the secured grant(s) and confirmation from the Graduate Division regarding tuition and fee support before departmental funds are disbursed.

This policy aims to incentivize grant acquisition among graduate students, ensuring they receive adequate support for their academic pursuits while maximizing the department's resources.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Esterling".

*This policy is effective as of August 14, 2024*

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